

MADISON



PARISH

“...the health of a community is a shared responsibility of many entities, organizations and interests in the community, including health services delivery organizations, public health agencies, other public and private entities and the people of a community.”

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History¹

Madison Parish, named after the fourth president of the United States, was established on January 19, 1838. It was part of the Ouachita County, one of the original 12 counties. This section was home of the Tensas and Ouachita tribes. Many Indian mounds can be seen in the parish today.

Culture and Recreation³

Madison, a thriving parish in the northeast corner of Louisiana, sustains itself primarily on agriculture production.

The process of spraying crops from airplanes was developed at the Tallulah Airport, the oldest airport in Louisiana. The area is rich in Civil War history, especially the siege of Vicksburg. Of special note is the Battle of Millikens Bend, the first conflict involving an entire company of African-American soldiers. Tallulah boasts the first covered mall in the United States, by designer Hayes Towne. Madison Parish is the home of the 65,000-acre Tensas River National Wildlife Refuge, complete with facilities for the disable tourist and fisherman. This refuge is the home of black bear, deer and many other bottomland species. Roundaway Bayou, as it meanders through the parish, features 30 lighted Christmas trees during the month of December.



Parish Seat¹ Tallulah¹

Major Cities (over 5,000 population)²

Tallulah
1990 8,526
1997 (estimate) 8,526

Parish Population²

1990 12,463
1997 (estimate) 13,372

Breakdown of 1996 population (estimates)⁶

White	37%
African American	62%
Other	0%
Male	48%
Female	52%
Population age 0-4	8%
Population age 65 & Over	14%



Geography and Statistics²

Average elevation	87 ft.
Land area in square miles	624.1
Water area in square miles ⁴	26.5

Climate²

Average temperatures

Annual	64°
January	45°
July	82°
Annual average rainfall	65.7 in.

Labor Force (1995)¹

Civilian	12,410
Employed	11,150
Unemployed	1,260
Unemployment	10.2%

Agriculture¹

Cotton and soybeans.

Colleges/Universities²

(within one hour commute)

Northeast Louisiana University, Monroe

Public Libraries⁵ 1

Educational Attainment (1990)⁷

Less than 5th grade	9.1%
High school graduate or higher	53.3%
Some college or higher	23.7%
Bachelor's degree or higher	9.2%

Major Employers (Products) and Number of Employees²

Private Employers

API Outdoors, Inc. (Hunting equipment)	100
Delta Haven Nursing Home (Elderly care)	90
Tallulah Uniforms (Hospital uniforms)	70

Public Employers

Madison Parish School Board (Education)	391
Madison Parish Hospital (Medical)	122

Poverty and Income

Persons in poverty (1995) ⁷	36.9%
Children under age 18 in poverty ⁷	49.0%
Per capita income (1996) ⁸	\$14,990

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Region 1

Jefferson
Orleans
Plaquemines
St. Bernard

Region 2

Ascension
East Baton Rouge
East Feliciana
Iberville
Pointe Coupee
West Baton Rouge
West Feliciana

Region 3

Assumption
Lafourche
St. Charles
St. James
St. John
St. Mary
Terrebonne

Region 4

Acadia
Evangeline
Iberia
Lafayette
St. Landry
St. Martin
Vermilion

Region 5

Allen
Beauregard
Calcasieu
Cameron
Jefferson Davis

Region 6

Avoyelles
Catahoula
Concordia
Grant
LaSalle
Rapides
Vernon
Winn

Region 7

Bienville
Bossier
Caddo
Claiborne
DeSoto
Natchitoches
Red River
Sabine
Webster

Region 8

Caldwell
East Carroll
Franklin
Jackson
Lincoln
Madison
Morehouse
Ouachita
Richland
Tensas
Union
West Carroll

Region 9

Livingston
St. Helena
St. Tammany
Tangipahoa
Washington